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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

*New Delhi, the 7th September, 1960*

**No. 18(2)-T.R./60.**—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Engineers' Steel Files Industry on the basis of an inquiry undertaken by it under Sections 11(e) and 13 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) Protection to the Engineers' steel files industry should be continued for a further period of three years, that is, up to 31st December, 1963, and the protective duty on engineers' steel files covered by item 71 (14) of the First Schedule to the Indian Tariff Act, 1934, should be reduced to 35 per cent. *ad valorem*.
- (2) The duty concession enjoyed by the industry in respect of its raw materials should be continued until steel file sections of the requisite quality, types and sizes are indigenously produced in sufficient quantity and at reasonable prices.
- (3) Government should take steps to ensure that the industry's requirements for file steel, grinding wheels of bigger sizes and consumable stores are licensed in full.
- (4) Government should consider sympathetically the applications from the industry for import of equipment for adjusting its production to suit the changing pattern in demand.
- (5) Since the import of old steel files as 'industrial scrap' has created a loophole for import of serviceable files and a threat to the domestic industry, Government may consider the question of enforcing stricter control with a view to stopping this malpractice.
- (6) The Industry should keep itself abreast of the latest developments and try to introduce them with a view to improving the quality of its products and cutting down their costs.

- (7) All units in the industry should make greater efforts to improve their technique of manufacture and to tighten their inspection procedure in order to ensure quality and to avoid complaints on this account in future.
- (8) Manufacturers of engineers' steel files should stamp their sub-standard files as 'second quality'. No 'third quality' files should be allowed to be put in the market.
- (9) Consumers of engineers' steel files should bring to the notice of the Commission promptly cases where they have good reasons to believe that the producers are exploiting the market so that it can undertake necessary investigation under Section 11(d) read with Section 13 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951.

2. Government accept recommendation (1) and necessary legislation will be undertaken in due course. The reduced protective duty of 35 per cent. *ad valorem* recommended by the Commission is being brought into force with effect from today by a notification issued separately under Section 4(1) of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934.

3. Recommendation (2) has been noted by Government and the existing concessions will be continued for the present.

4. Government have also taken note of recommendations (3) to (5) and suitable action will be taken to the extent possible.

5. The attention of the industry is drawn to recommendations (6) to (8).

6. The attention of consumers of engineers' steel files is invited to recommendation (9).

#### ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the *Gazette of India* and a copy of it communicated to all concerned.

#### NOTIFICATION

##### TARIFFS

*New Delhi, the 7th September, 1960*

**No. 18(2)-T.R./60.**—Whereas the Central Government is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the duties chargeable under the First Schedule to the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (32 of 1934), in respect of Steel files specified in item No. 71(14) of the said Schedule, and characterised as protective in the third column thereof, have become excessive for the purpose of securing the protection intended to be afforded by them to similar articles manufactured in India;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 4 of the said Act, as in force in India and as applied to the State of Pondicherry, the Central Government hereby reduces, with effect from the 7th September, 1960, the duty of customs on the said articles so that the duty chargeable shall from the said date be 35 per cent. *ad valorem*.

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